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Soviet Troops in St. Poelten, Mauer Oehling, Lelk and Uffam

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COMMENTS

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and Jeeps all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiesstatt Ring in St. Poelten (B-49/W-88). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The garages west of the former Kreisgericht building, the doors of which were half-open, was apparently occupied to capacity. Trucks were parked

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3. On 20 October 1954, no motor vehicles were parked in the area of the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. There was only limited activity in the installation; the motor-vehicle storage sheds were closed. Truck [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. At 1530 on 22 October 1954, the remainders of a detained shipment were observed from a train at the Melk railroad station. They consisted of five 122-mm field howitzers and five trucks [redacted]. Soldiers observed at the howitzers and trucks wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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